

Remarks

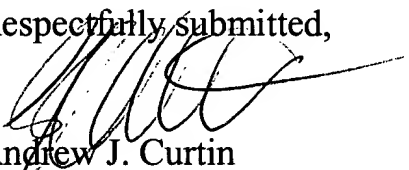
Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-15 are rejected. Claim 2 was cancelled previously. Claims 1 and 15 are amended herein. No new matter is added.

Claims 1 and 3-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1 and 15 are amended according to the Examiner's suggestion to overcome the rejection.

Claims 1 and 3-15 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,745,157. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) is submitted herewith to overcome the rejection.

All rejections have been complied with, and applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The applicant urges the Examiner to contact the applicant's attorney at phone and address indicated below if assistance is required to move the present application to allowance. Please charge any shortages in fees in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,



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